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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Chada, *et al.*
APPLICATION NO.: 08/852,666
FILED: MAY 7, 1997
FOR: HMGI PROTEINS IN CANCER AND OBESITY

EXAMINER: Chih-Min Kam
ART UNIT: 1653

INTERVIEW SUMMARY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.133(b)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On December 18, 2003, Lauren Sliger, Applicants' representative, and Chih-Min Kam, Examiner, conducted a telephonic interview regarding the Proposed Examiner's Amendment faxed from the Examiner to Applicant on December 16, 2003 for the above-identified application.

The Proposed Examiner's Amendment pertains to Claims 55, 56, 57 and 60. The Examiner proposed that the first sentence of each of these claims begin as follows: "A method for screening a candidate compound capable of inhibiting..." Applicant suggested the following verbiage instead: "A method for screening a candidate compound capable of for inhibiting..." This phrasing more clearly indicates that the compound is being screened for its potential ability

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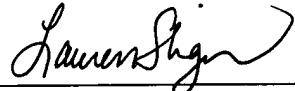

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to inhibit HMGI. Examiner Kam provisionally agreed to this modification to her proposed amendment.

The remaining amendments were approved by Applicants. Examiner Kam indicated that the application will likely be in condition for allowance after entrance of the modified Proposed Examiner's Amendment. If Applicants can do anything further to expedite this application, please contact the undersigned at 310-788-3245.

Respectfully submitted,

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